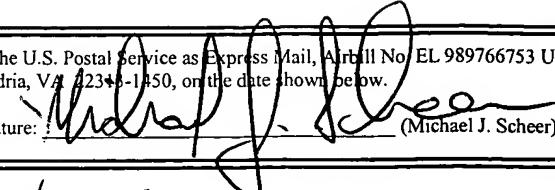


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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